

## DPS WORKSHOPS HAVE GONE VIRTUAL!

We are now offering our workshops virtually. To register, sign-up at [chicago.gov/dpsevents](http://chicago.gov/dpsevents). To request an accommodation, please contact DPS Public Affairs at [dps.accommodations@cityofchicago.org](mailto:dps.accommodations@cityofchicago.org). Join us in May for the following workshops:

### COMPLIANCE 101: HONORING OBLIGATIONS TO CHICAGO TAXPAYER ■ MAY 5 | 2 - 3PM

This workshop is an overview of vendor requirements, including information about paying correct wages, the City's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) program, and Chicago Residency and Project Area Resident contracting requirements. Learn helpful tips on how to complete bid submittal compliance documentation and also gain insight on laws, rules and regulations governing compliance.

### FIRST LOOK: THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT (DWM) ■ APRIL 8 | 2 - 3PM

The Chicago Department of Water Management (DWM) will preview potential upcoming construction contracts for the year. Additionally, focused on the ambitious 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, DWM has opportunities in water and sewer main replacement, facilities modernization for engineering and construction projects. These contracts, both term agreements, and standalone contracts will be available to bid by vendors and DWM staff will be available to provide highlights and specifics on these upcoming projects.

### HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED ■ MAY 12 | 2 - 3PM

DPS is the certifying agency for the following certifications: Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), Veteran-Owned Business (VBE), Business Enterprise for People with Disabilities (BEPD), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE). Learn who is qualified to be a Chicago certified firm, what documents are needed when submitting an application and how to avoid the most common mistakes in the process.

### PROCUREMENT FUNDAMENTALS: DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY

MAY 13 | 2 - 3PM

Do you have questions about how to become a successful bidder on City contracting opportunities? Unsure where to begin? This workshop highlights the role and responsibility of DPS in the City's purchasing process. Learn about different procurement methods and the laws which govern them. Understand what it takes before you start the bidding process and your responsibilities after you have won a contract.

### TRACKING CONTRACT PAYMENTS:

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ■ MAY 19 | 2 - 3PM

The Certification & Compliance (C2) Network System is a web-based tool that provides up-to-date tracking of payments made to prime contractors and sub-contractors. Prime contractors are responsible for reporting payments to all sub-contractors on a monthly basis. Come learn the roles and responsibilities of both the prime and subcontractors.

### ePROCUREMENT 101 ■ MAY 20 | 2 - 3PM

eProcurement applies digital technology to the acquisition of goods and services, which has now become the standard solicitation method due to statewide shelter in place requirements. This class focuses on assisting prospective bidders and proposers with registering for an iSupplier account and submitting an online bid to the City. This class is open to all interested in doing business with the City.

### WORKING WITH ASSIST AGENCIES

### HIRE360, IHCC & LBGTC ■ MAY 26 | 2 - 3PM

Chicago Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit agencies and/or chambers of commerce that represent the interests of small, local, minority, women, veteran, and disadvantaged-owned businesses within Chicago's diverse communities. These organizations offer many resources to help businesses at every stage of their growth cycle as well as connect prime contractors with certified firms for subcontracting opportunities. This workshop will outline the role and responsibilities of an Assist Agency.

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